

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A vehicle suspension comprising a coil spring mounted between two supports of variable spacing, wherein at least one end of said spring bears against a corresponding one of said supports via an elastically deformable bushing of variable stiffness and presenting significant variation in stiffness, said bushing being secured to the corresponding one of said supports.

10. (New) A suspension according to claim 9, wherein said spring is of constant stiffness.

11. (New) A suspension according to claim 9, wherein said bushing comprises a thick annular base of elastomer material that is elastically deformable.

12. (New) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein said base includes an annular recess.

13. (New) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein said base includes a plurality of recesses that are regularly spaced apart circumferentially.

14. (New) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein said bushing includes an annular groove shaped and dimensioned to receive a corresponding end turn of said spring.

15. (New) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein said bushing is made as a single piece of said elastomer material.

16. (New) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein a said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

17. (New) A suspension according to claim 12, wherein said bushing includes an annular groove shaped and dimensioned to receive a corresponding end turn of said spring.

18. (New) A suspension according to claim 12, wherein said bushing is made as a single piece of said elastomer material.

19. (New) A suspension according to claim 13, wherein said bushing is made as a single piece of said elastomer material.

20. (New) A suspension according to claim 14, wherein said bushing is made as a single piece of said elastomer material.

21. (New) A suspension according to claim 12, wherein said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

22. (New) A suspension according to claim 13, wherein said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

23. (New) A suspension according to claim 14, wherein said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

24. (New) A suspension according to claim 15, wherein said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.